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Appl. No. 10/782,306
Atty. Docket No.: 2002B107E
Amdt. dated May 4, 2007
Response to OA of February 13, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is submitted in response to the non-Final Office Action dated February 13, 2007.

Claims 6, 18-76, 154, 155, 157-160, 162 and 163 are pending.

Claims 6 and 157 are rejected.

Claims 158-160 are allowed.

Claims 18-65, 71, 72, 74, 162 and 163 are objected.

Claims 66-70, 73, 75-76, and 154-155 are withdrawn.

Rejoinder under MPEP §821.04

Applicant requests that the pending withdrawn claims be rejoined should the application be otherwise in condition for allowance. All of the pending withdrawn claims depend from (and therefore must include all of the limitations) a claim that would be in condition for allowance and are therefore eligible for rejoinder under MPEP 821.04.

Double Patenting

Claims 6 and 157 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 204-206 of copending Application 10/640,435 (The Action lists the Application as 10/782,306). A terminal disclaimer is included herein to overcome this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 05-1712. Moreover, if the deposit account contains insufficient funds, the Commissioner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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